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CREEKS AND TEN LOST TRIBES.

Indians' Story of Their Wandering Away From Palestine

"The Indians are the most superstitious people on earth," said a man a few days ago who had taught for years in a Creek Indian School. "They have myths and legends by the score. Some of them are as beautiful and picturesque as the legends of the old Greeks and Romans."

"I boarded for five years with a Creek Indian who had been educated at Carlisle. He knew the Indian legend that they are one of the lost ten tribes of Israel. This Indian was the son of a medicine man who was once great and powerful in the tribe. All his knowledge of Indian lore came from his father, the medicine man."

"This medicine man said that the Creeks were one of the lost ten tribes of Israel. The legend ran that they were once associated with the other tribes and that they had wandered and became separated. They wandered for years far to the north until they came to a sea. There they built boats and embarked. They steered their course by the wand of a medicine man. Each morning he went to his teepee and set up his divining rod and told them which direction to pursue. They followed this rod from a warm country to a cold sea on which they set sail. The sea was crossed and then they traveled toward the south again."

"The Creeks have a covenant of their tribe which is kept with the chiefs. No one but the elect is ever permitted to see this guarantee of the genuineness of the Creek faith and origin."—Chickasha correspondence Kansas City Star.

SYMPATHY WAS IN ORDER.

But Sam Johnson Was the One Mostly in Need of It.

"Pardon me," says the sympathetic gent on the station platform, "you seem to be in distress."

The woman addressed turns her melancholy eyes upon the inquirer and replies:

"I am."

"Is there any way in which I might be of assistance?"

"I don't know. I've lost my husband, and—"

"Permit me to offer my condolences. Into each life some sorrow—"

"Save your condolences for him when I get hold of him. We were sitting here waiting for the train to go home when a comic opera company came into the station. One of them was a big, fat blonde, and my husband got up and said he was going to get a drink of water. That was an hour and a half ago, and—save your sympathy, young man, save it for Sam Johnson, of Mudford, who will be in sore need of comforting words within ten minutes after he begins to make excuses to me."—London Tit-Bits.

Comfort in Kitchen.

In every kitchen there should be a very high chair and a very low one. Economy of strength is true wisdom on the part of a worker, and much standing and constant fatigue—and sometimes actual illness—may be avoided by the use of proper chairs. Plain ironing, mixing of puddings, and many other tasks may be done as well when sitting on a high chair or stool as when standing; and the low chair is useful for sitting in to shell peas or string currants, when it is convenient to have a bowl in one's lap, and another bowl or basket on the floor beside one.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

Preaching in the Presbyterian church next Sunday at 11 a. m.

Captain Fudge's condition has greatly improved in the last few days.

Mrs. H. S. Bowen, of Wittens Mills, was a visitor to Tazewell on yesterday.

Dr. W. H. Dunnigan, of Clear Fork, was a visitor to Tazewell on yesterday.

Buckwheat Flour at Harrison, Barnes & Co.

The county roads are in unusually good condition for this season of the year.

Old Manse Syrup and Buckwheat Flour at Harrison, Barnes & Co.

Services next Sunday at North Tazewell at 11 a. m. and at the Main Street church at night.

Just think! Buckwheat and Molasses at Harrison, Barnes & Co.

R. C. Chapman had his store closed yesterday for the purpose of taking his annual inventory.

The post office at Unaka, five miles east of Tazewell, has been re-established with John W. Bourne as postmaster.

We are now adding a number of names each week to our subscription list. Let our friends in the county go to work and help us swell the list.

Mr. J. G. Buston is making great improvements on his farm at the east end of town in the way of building new fences and fixing up old ones.

Dr. W. I. Painter, who had for the past two weeks been at the German Hospital, Philadelphia, for treatment, is at home again and is convalescing rapidly.

Mr. M. L. Peery, of North Tazewell, and Mr. Joseph Meek, of Burkes Garden, have gone to Florida, where they will spend a month hunting and recreating.

Mr. J. N. Johnson has been elected book-keeper for the Bank of Clinch Valley, and has entered upon his duties. He is a good man and will make a most capable officer.

There is serious apprehension that the fruit crop has been killed by the present cold snap. But we hardly think this has been done, as the buds of the trees had not advanced sufficiently.

Mr. W. A. May, of Norton, Va., came to Tazewell yesterday to see his parents, and returned to Norton this morning. In a few days he will go to Pikeville, Ky., to take up his residence.

Mrs. Rufus Harman and her two children, who had been for the past six months in Lee county, Va., visiting Mrs. Harman's parents, are at Tazewell again visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Harman.

The "Mark-Down Sale" of Hankins & Son, which was begun yesterday made a most successful start. They had eighteen clerks waiting on their customers and the clerks were kept so busy that they had to go without any dinner.

Free magazine, worth ten cents, with every copy of THE PHILADELPHIA SUNDAY PRESS, every week. Best magazine published—stories, pictures, verse. Famous contributors. Get THE PRESS every day—you get all that's worth having.

The infant child of Mr. W. K. Vermillion, whose illness we mentioned last week, died on last Thursday afternoon at four o'clock. Its death was caused by brain trouble, and before death came symptoms of meningitis were developed.

A Lodge of I. O. O. Fellows was organized in Burkes Garden on last Saturday night, and twenty-one members were initiated into the order. A delegation from the Lodge at North Tazewell went to the Garden and instituted the lodge there.

Mr. R. B. Watts and family left on the 6:50 train on Tuesday evening for their new home in Prince Edward county, Va. It was with much regret that the people of Tazewell heard that Bowen had parted with the fine estate that had been the home of his ancestors for three generations that are gone.

The Board of Supervisors met last Saturday and transacted a large amount of business, among other things making a settlement with the county treasurer and auditing claims against the county. Competent judges, among the largest property holders of the county, say this is one of the best Boards the county has ever had.

Mr. Geo. R. Surface has purchased the fine property of Messrs. J. W. and R. C. Chapman at the east end of Main street, and will move there about the 1st of March. We understand that Mr. Surface will conduct a hotel. The purchase price of the property was \$8,500. It has a large frontage on both Main and Church streets and is very valuable.

Mr. Will. M. Bunt, representing A. J. Rankin and Company, the well known Diamond and Jewelry House of Roanoke, Va., will be in Tazewell every four weeks during the entire year. He carries a splendid line of Diamonds, Watches, Jewelry and Silverware; new goods being constantly received from the firm's New York headquarters. Sample Room, Hotel Jefferson, next trip January 28th.

The rummage sale which has been inaugurated by the ladies of the Cemetery Association began today in the office building next to Main Street Methodist church. The ladies have secured by contribution a large number of articles sent from the houses of the contributors. They are what may be called second-hand, but many of the things are nearly as good as new, and they are all useful. Buyers are now wanted, so call and make your purchases.

MORE REMNANTS

Have been added to the Bargain Table—black and colored Woolens, Dress and Apron Gingham, Calicoes, Brown Domestic and Percales.

LACE REMNANTS

of two to eight yard lengths—these are Valenciennes, Torchon, Oriental, Mechlin, both edges and insertions. The prices are less than half value.

7 SUITS, \$3.98 EACH

We have seven Ladies' Tailored Suits that we will let you have at \$3.98 each. Black and mixed colors, sizes 32 to 38

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Big lot of new Dimities, Fancy Muslins, Per. Lawns, India Linens and Cambrics, at reduced prices.

CHAPMAN'S WHERE FASHION REIGNS

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Souvenir Plate Special

Attention is invited to the ten inch Washington Souvenir Plate, decorated in dark blue, U. S. Capitol appearing in the center. Treasury, State, War and Navy, Washington Monument appearing in border. We offer these at the Special price of 35c. each.

Also a lot of cups and saucers in same design at the Special price of 25c. complete.

Imported Decorated Sugar and Cream Special

We offer a lot of Decorated Sugar and cream sets, of French, German and Japanese ware, inviting special attention to those marked at \$1.00 a set. Were \$1.50.

Decorated Breakfast China Specials

We offer an All-over decorated Japanese China Pattern, inviting special attention to the price at which it is marked. Bread and Butter plates, 10c. Were 20c. Tea plates, 15c. Were 25c. Breakfast plates, 25c. Were 35c. Cups and Saucers, 25c. Were 35c. Chocolate cups and Saucers, 25c. Were 35c. Sugar and Cream Sets, 55c. Were 65c. Side Dishes, 10c. Were 15c. Chocolate pots, 75c. Were \$1.00.

Imported Six Piece Water Set Special

We offer a lot of Water sets, in assorted styles and decorations, at a price usually asked for plain glass. 65c., 85c., \$1.00 and \$1.50 set. Were \$1.00, \$1.25 to \$2.00.

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Of known reliability. Sweepers that afford service and satisfaction; sweepers that, though not the cheapest in price, are the most economical. Bissell, National, Sterling, \$1.00 to \$5.00 each. Repair parts supplied.

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Serviceable, practical, presentable. Special attention is invited to those with aluminum finish. \$1.00 to \$1.75 each. Radiators, aluminum finish. \$1.75 and \$2.00 each.

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That will not SMOKE. \$3.00 to \$4.50 each.

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For silver candle shades; assorted colors, with bead fringe; complete with mica protector. 50c. each.

IMPORTED BLACK CHIFFON BROADCLOTH

AT \$2 50 THE YARD INSTEAD OF \$3.50.

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

We received a letter from Mr. D. C. Rakes a few days ago, written from Rogers, Ark., and requesting us to send the Republican to him at that address. Until recently Mr. Rakes has been living at Shack Mills, Buchanan county, Va., and he had been a subscriber to the Republican for a number of years; and wrote us he had been lonesome without the paper in his new home.

Last Saturday was a very warm day, so warm that people here could dispense with fires and be comfortable. But on Sunday a very sudden and great change took place in the temperature. A cold wind began to blow from the west, which grew in force and continued throughout Sunday. On Monday morning the thermometer registered fifteen degrees above zero. The atmosphere is still bracing and healthy.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The law firm of Harman & Pobst (J. N. & J. W. Harman and H. Claude Pobst), of Tazewell, Va., have also opened an office in the town of Richlands, Va. Office on Front street, first door west of drug store. One or more members of the firm will be at their Richlands office all the time. j17tf

DREAM PAYS HIS DEBT.

Wilkesbarre Hunter Presents Veracious Story of Squirrels.

Bill Anderson of the Brushies tells the latest squirrel tale, and it heads the list. Bill owed a merchant in town here 50 cents, and he had promised to pay it Saturday. Friday night just before day he dreamed. In his dream he remembered the 50 cents and how the merchant expected it the next day. He also saw a large hickory tree in a secluded spot in the woods, and on it were many squirrels gamboling and playing on its branches. He saw himself shooting them with deadly aim and how he had brought them to town and settled with the merchant. His dream was over; he awoke, and without waiting to put on his shoes, he grabbed his gun and went to the tree. The squirrels were there, and without moving from the tracks he killed 12. As he killed the last one he saw a weasel climbing the tree and killed it. About that time a crow lit in the tree and it was brought down. He turned for home and saw another squirrel near by and killed it. His dream had been realized. To corroborate his story, he brought the squirrels to town Saturday, paid off the merchant and had cash over.—Wilkesbarre Chronicle.

LIFE IN OCEAN DEPTHS.

Carnival of Tragedy Among the Deep Sea Fishes.

"All the deep sea fishes are enormous eaters," says a naturalist. "There being nothing to eat but the life about them, they live upon each other. Every faculty for killing and devouring is provided—luminescence to dazzle, swiftness and strength to overtake and overpower, knife-blade teeth for tearing, abnormally large jaws for crushing. Whatever the prey, or however large it may be, there is little trouble in swallowing it. The mouth yawns like a cavern and the stomach distends to hold a body even larger than the swallower. The appetite in fishes seems never wanting and complete digestion with some of them is only a matter of half an hour. For this reason slaughter goes on unendingly. Usually it is produced only by hunger, but some monsters, like the bluefish, even when gorged, kill for pure love of killing."

All the Same to Him.

It was Sunday, and a huge crowd was loitering upon the turntable awaiting the Geary street car. An elderly lady, red in the face, flustered and fussy, dug elbows into the ribs of all and sundry in her search for information.

A fat man on her right got a particularly vigorous jab below the belt. She moved at him: "Say!"

He smiled in front of her. She thumped him on the back with might and main. Finally he turned: "What the—"

"Say! Does it make any difference," she asked, "which of these cars I take to the cemetery?"

"Not to me, madame," he answered, and left her wondering why the crowd roared.—San Francisco Star.

Mansfield's Awful Pun.

On the banks of the Thames just above Windsor was moored for years a house boat belonging to Lady V., who is a lifelong friend of Richard Mansfield. Her son is in America and called on the distinguished actor the other day. Mr. Mansfield's second inquiry was after the house boat, where he had passed so many enjoyable days.

"Oh, mother wearied of the water," explained the young Englishman, "though she loves the old house boat. So she had piles driven in the bank and raised the house on them and there it stands high and dry and comfortable."

"What does she call it?" queried Mr. Mansfield, unblushingly. "The house boat on the sticks!"

Red Man's Signature.

Indian chiefs, treating with the government now have to append their thumb-prints to the documents, instead of cross-marks, as hitherto. The reason is that chiefs have frequently repudiated the cross-marks and the obligations involved. The first document has just been signed by thumb-print. It was a treaty between the government and the Umatilla Indians, of Washington, to allow cattle to cross the Indian reservation unharmed.

A Prudent Youth.

Father—Let me see, John, how old are you now?

Son—Just 30.

Father—Don't you think it about time you took your medical degree and started to work?

Son—Oh, no, father; people have so little confidence in young doctors!—Translated from Tales from Megendorfer Blaetter.

POINTING WAY TO SINNERS.

Preacher's Fervid Words of Warning to His Flock.

The melody fell into an unusual swinging rhythm; the humming rose loud and louder, gathering and adding to itself accidental suggestions; one impromptu phrase of music, which fitted the passing words, was caught up instantly; the congregation was swept away by a hysterical, rhythmic, emotional tide; utterly strange and new, never before heard, an air sprang into being—refrain first, then both refrain and line, one swift, bold, strong voice leading on. Their wild emotions strangely stirred, the primitive congregation swept, full tide, into such an air as one carries home with him, rolling for days afterward, in his ears.

"My dyin' brederin, way yo' gwine stan?" shouted the preacher. "Way yo' gwine stan? w'en dey tek de cubbah off'n hell, an' no wawieh noway? Yo'-all gwine come or-runnin' and cryin' 'Way is muh crown of glory? Wuh is muh long w'ite robe? Wuh is muh place? But fuh dem wut ain't bin convuted dey ain't gwine ter be no place! Oh, brederin, way yo' stan' een day day?"—John Bennett in the Atlantic.

A Fruitarian Diet.

A fruitarian diet consists of the fruit of trees like apples, oranges, bananas and olives, the fruits of bushes (like currants and raspberries), the fruit of plants (like strawberries and melons, lentils and beans and cucumbers), the fruits of grasses (like wheat and barley and maize and oats), the fruits of nut trees (from filbert to cocoanut), together with some earth fruits (like potatoes), and a modicum of vegetables and salads, says the Washington Review. To these may be added butter, milk, honey and cheese, although their production is not so free from risk of contamination and animal infection as is the case with the products of the vegetable kingdom and the world of fruits. Grown under healthy conditions, with diseased specimens easy to detect and remove, it is far more possible to live healthily and well upon a fruitarian dietary than upon the products of the slaughter house.

MOONSHINING IN NEW YORK.

Illicit Still Constantly Working in Crowded Sections of the City.

"Don't talk to me about moonshining in Kentucky," said the internal revenue agent. "There's more moonshining going on all the time in little old New York than could be done in ten Kentuckys. In the crowded sections of the East and West sides stills spring up right along and for awhile conduct a flourishing business in the low grade whiskey they manufacture."

"You see, it doesn't take much trouble to equip a still with corn and yeast and start in to make the mash which is finally turned out as a pretty poor sort of whiskey. The great difficulty is in getting rid of the peculiar smoke and odor from the stills without exciting suspicion. This is usually accomplished by running the still in connection with a dye shop or some other chemical enterprise as a blind. We keep watch on all such establishments."

and have the town well covered by sharp-eyed and sharp-nosed agents besides.

"We are constantly arresting these small moonshiners and sending them to jail. But enough spring up in their places for you to say with safety that, as I say, there's more moonshining going on in New York city right along than there could be in ten Kentuckys."—N. Y. Sun.

CODICIL WITH A POINT.

Jocular Bequest of David Hume to His Lifelong Friend.

A jocular bequest of David Hume to his friend John Home was curious. Home liked claret and disliked port, calling it poison, and the two friends had many discussions on the subject. They also used to have disputes as to which of them took the proper way of spelling their common family name. The philosopher, about a fortnight before his death, wrote with his own hand the following codicil to his will: "I leave to my friend, Mr. John Home, of Kilduff, ten dozen of my old claret at his choice and one single bottle of that liquor called port. I also leave him six dozen of port provided that he attests under his hand, signed John Hume, that he himself alone finished that bottle at two sittings. By this concession he will at once terminate the only two differences that ever arose between us concerning temporal matters."

Mouse Killed Cat.

It is not often that a mouse kills a cat. Such a death, however, was meted out recently to a fine black cat in a Cape May hotel.

The cat caught the mouse, and began, as cats will, to play with it, to tease it. For some ten minutes this went on.

And then, all of a sudden, the cat found herself struggling for her life. In mauling the mouse, without desiring to hurt it, she had inadvertently half swallowed it. There it was, stuck in her throat, choking her to death.

For three or four minutes the cat choked and gasped. Then it fell over dead. And the mouse, oddly enough, was disgorged at the moment the cat died. The mouse was alive. It lay on the floor a moment resting. Then it stole away after one triumphant look at the dead body of the cat which it had killed.

To Freshen a Carpet.

Put a tablespoonful of ammonia into half a pailful of warm water and wipe the carpet with a cloth wrung out in it. The dust is thereby removed, the colors are brightened, and any insect lurking in it is speedily killed.

Made Mustard.

To prevent made mustard from drying and caking in the mustard pot add a little salt when making.

Helping Him On.

"Now, for my part," said Mr. Timmid, tentatively, "I wouldn't dare think of marrying."

"Why not?" eagerly interrupted Miss Ann Teek.

"Because I haven't any money."

"But," she suggested, helpfully, "couldn't you get somebody to lend you a little?"

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